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AN INTERESTING SOUVENIR

of early attention to inventions and patents was recently discovered in a Boston Book Shop.

The little book in question combines a report entitled "Remarks on the Rights of Inventors," stating at length the importance to the country at large of development and protection of inventions, with the Constitution of the association organized, Rules, Regulations, etc., and closes with signatures of some of the original members. We reproduce herewith a few extracts from the book. The signatures of the members include several citizens of Boston and vicinity, among them that of Simon Willard the well known clockmaker of that day.

AT a Meeting of Patentees and Proprietors of Patents, convened by public notice on the 22d of December, 1806,

Voted, That the Report of the Committee chosen on the 1st instant be accepted, and that the REMARKS included in that Report be printed by subscription.

Voted, That a Committee of seven be appointed to fulfil the design of the above vote, and to prepare RULES and REGULATIONS for an ASSOCIATION of INVENTORS with OTHERS, and to request communications from Patentees and Proprietors of Patents.

Voted, That BENJAMIN DEARBORN, JOHN FAIRBANKS, JACOB WELSH, ALLAN POLLOCK, GEORGE ODIORNE, JOHN EVELETH, and JONATHAN NICHOLS, be a Committee for the above purposes, and that they report at a meeting to be called by them.

REMARKS

ON THE

RIGHTS OF INVENTORS.

NO LIFE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD CAN BE,
BUT THAT WHICH TENDS TO MAN'S FELICITY.

BY the contemplative mind, the above sentiment will be received as a just criterion, whereby to estimate the real importance of the various pursuits of life.—Yet the scale of reason is inverted by the tyranny of custom, and productions of intrinsic excellence, are by this inverted standard degraded into contempt, while the unimportant, are often elevated to degrees of honour and emolument, exactly proportioned to the degree of their inutility. That this inconsistent propensity exits, is a fact too evident to require testimony, yet a few explanatory remarks may elucidate the position.

It is by agriculture and manufactures that a nation becomes respectable, independent and powerful; and every improvement in mechanism which diminishes labour or promotes dispatch in either of those pursuits, is a contribution toward NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

We, the subscribers, patentees, proprietors of patents, and patrons of useful arts and inventions, being sensible of the great advantages to be derived to ourselves and the community, from an Association, wherein mutual aids can be interchanged; and wishing to contribute toward rendering our country in reality what it professes to be, truly independent; do hereby agree to form ourselves into an Association under the foregoing constitution.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEWENGLAND ASSOCIATION

OF

INVENTORS AND PATRONS

OF

USEFUL ARTS.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEAL.

A Tree, richly laden with Fruit, is encircled by a Wall; within the enclosure is Time, who, having thrown his Scythe into the back ground is watering the root of the Tree.

APPLICATION.

The Fruitful Tree represents the Benefits which Society may derive from the Labours of the Inventor, if properly secured by a Wall of Protection. The nourishment received from the hand of Time, is emblematical of the long and arduous attention necessary for bringing to maturity Useful Improvements. The Motto "IN ITS OWN SOIL, PROTECT AND NOURISH IT," is a simple dictate of common sense, respecting the Fruit of Genius in our own Country.

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